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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Ms. Lou Sizemore
Congressional Liaison Specialist
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
1919 M St NW.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Sizemore:

I am writing on behalf of one of my constituents, whose correspondence I am enclosing, regarding a matter under your department's jurisdiction.

I would appreciate it if you would examine the contents of the enclosed letter and provide me with a response that would address the questions and concerns as stated in the letter to me. It would be helpful if you would address your response to me, attention: Karen Foster.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

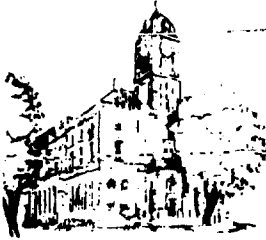
With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

October 24, 1997

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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

At its meeting of October 22, 1997, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose a recent Federal Communications Commission rule making (Docket No. 97-182) which would preempt local zoning authority of television and radio broadcast towers. This rule making is being made to facilitate the implementation of digital television technology by broadcasters which, in some cases, will require a tower which is approximately one mile high.

Rockingham County is extremely concerned with this rule because it would be an intrusion into local zoning authority, specifically as it relates to the siting and construction of towers. Further, the FCC is proposing unrealistic time constraints for local action on such tower construction requests, would preempt local concerns related to esthetics and environmental issues and inserts the FCC (as opposed to the federal court system) as the venue for appeal.

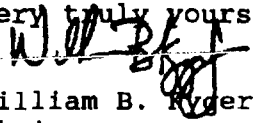
We strongly urge you to intervene on our behalf to oppose this rule making. Local government, being that government which is closest to the people, is the appropriate jurisdiction to balance local needs for this technology with the concerns of local residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact William G. O'Brien or me.

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Thank you in advance for your support of the County's
position in this matter.

Very truly yours,


William B. Ryger
Chairman

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cc: The Honorable Kevin Miller
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
The Honorable Glenn M. Weatherholtz
The Honorable R. Steven Landes
The Honorable Raymond R. Guest, Jr.